(d) The Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has been implementing through the State Governments/UTs, a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) on all India basis inlcuding Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat, with effect from 01.12.1997 with a view to providing gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor through (i) encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States.

DDA's Penalty Relief Scheme-2001

2636. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the response of the DDA Penalty Relief Scheme-2001 has been very poor, so far;

(b) if so, the number of defaulting allottees who have availed of the scheme; and

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the penalty to nominal rate of interest or waive it completely for allottees who have already paid their total instalments and to give incentive to the defaulters to clear their pending instalments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) In response to DDA's Penalty Relief Scheme, 2001, 5464 applications have been received from the defaulting allottees till 10.12.2002.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Ambedkar Valmiki Malin Basti Awas Yojana

2637. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister
of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the year 2001 -2002 being observed as the year of implementation of the Ambedkar Valmiki Malin Basti Awas Yojana, which

has been announced by the Prime Minister on the Independence Day last year (August 15, 2001) remained largely only on paper and failed to take off the ground during the year 2001 -2002; and

(b) if so, the details of the scehme, indicating the cost and targets fixed for the year and the steps taken and progress made in implementation thereof during the year and the reasons for the failure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No Sir. Implementation of Ambedkar Valmiki Malin Basti Awas Yojana (AVMBAY) had gained momentum during the year 2001 -02 itself. It was evident from the fact that though this Scheme was launched on 2nd December, 2001 with a budget provision of Rs. 69.00 crore, a sum of Rs. 73.56 crore *i.e.,* over and above the initial allocation was released under this Scheme during 2001-2002 to as many as 16 States for construction/upgradation of 27271 dwelling units (DUs) and 4605 toilet seats. Out of which 1290/2832 DUs/toilet seats have been completed and construction of 10884/168 DUs/toilet seats are in progress. Further, while addressing the Nation on 15th August, 2002, the Hon'ble Prime Minister had also state that this Scheme has become highly popular in a short time.

Land acquired by DDA in Delhi

† 2638. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to stat?:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land acquired in Delhi by the Delhi Development Authority during the last three years, on which there were illegal encroachments, has been taken back in Government occupation;

(b) if so, the total area of such land; and

(c) in what manner this land has, so far, been utilized by the Authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) DDA has reported that it has removed encroachments over

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.